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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend Page 1, Paragraph 4 as follows:

This kind of ink containers which store the ink used in a printing device, are disclosed, for example, in Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 4-214361, Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2001-199455 and Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 6-211273.

Please amend Page 2, Paragraph 1 as follows:

An ink container described in Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 4-214361 is provided with an ink bag formed from a flexible film etc. as an ink container body which stores ink, and its construction is such that this ink bag is supported by being sandwiched between a top plate and a bottom plate. However, this ink bag is of such a simple construction that the ink bag contracts and is deformed as ink is consumed and the top and bottom plates of the ink bag only suppress the dancing of the ink bag. Therefore, precipitates of coarse-grained ink etc. standing on the bottom of the ink bag flow out of the ink bag due to the contraction and deformation and are supplied to the printing device, and it is difficult to make coarse-grained ink etc. remain in the ink bag.

Please amend Page 3, Paragraph 4 as follows:

Patent Document 1: Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 4-214361

A marked-up version of the specification and a Substitute Specification are attached.

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The specification has been amended to remove typographical errors. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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